

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-212

OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

Topic: MEDICAL SPECIALIST OUTREACH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MSOAP)
OPHTHALMOLOGY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Provides for cataract surgery in rural and remote areas under the MSOAP, and also funding to the Australian Society of Ophthalmologists to administer a database of eye specialists willing to be part of MSOAP, and to promote the availability of these services.

- a) Please provide details of cataract surgery facilitated by this funding.
- b) Has the database of eye specialists willing to be part of MSOAP been provided to DoHA?
- c) Who is responsible for maintaining the database?
- d) Who will have access to the database?

Answer:

- a) Cataract surgery services commenced in June 2011 in Western Australia, with other states to commence during 2011-12.
- b) No.
- c) The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists maintains the database.
- d) The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists.